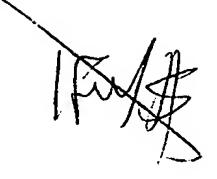


AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER							Docket No. SPINE 3.0-434 CIP CONT	
Applicatio	n No.	Filing Date Examin			Examiner	01 1142 0.	Art Unit	
10/771,598-Conf. #1128		February 4, 2004			T. C. Barrett		3738	
Applicant(s): James D. Ralph, Stephen Tatar, and Joseph P. Errico								
Invention: ARTIFI	CIAL INTERVE	ERTEBRAL DI	SC HAVING	A WA\	/E WASHER	FORCE	RESTORING	
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS								
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.								
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.								
CLAIMS AS AMENDED								
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present		Rate			
Total Claims	20	- 20 =	0	х	50.00		0.00	
Independent Claims	2	- 3 =	0	×	200.00		0.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)								
Other fee (please specify):								
Other res (please specify).								
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:							0.00	
x Large Entity					Small Entity			
x No additiona	al fee is require	d for this ame	ndment.					
Please charge Deposit Account No in the amount of \$  A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.								
A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.								
Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.								
The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 12-1095								
as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.								
<u></u>	ny overpaymer							
Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.								
Milula	A Johnte	 1			Dated:	March 2	2. 2007	
Michael J. Doh Attorney/Agent	•	592						
LERNER, DAV 600 South Ave Westfield, New (908) 518-6337	ID, LITTENBE nue West Jersey 07090	RG, KRUMHO	LZ & MENTL	.IK, LLI	P			
I hereby certify that this the date shown below w Box 1450, Alexandria, V Dated: March 2, 2007	vith sufficient postage	as First Class Mail,		dressed to		t, Commission		





I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22343-1450

Dated: March 2, 2007

Signature: V

(Michael J. Doherty)

Docket No.: SPINE 3.0-434 CIP CONT (PATENT)

: Group Art Unit: 3738

: Examiner: T. C. Barrett

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Ralph et al.

Application No.: 10/771,598

Filed: February 4, 2004

For: ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC

HAVING A WAVE WASHER FORCE

RESTORING ELEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **AMENDMENT**

## Dear Sir:

In response to the telephone conference with the Examiner on March 1, 2007, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.